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TAGS: OVIP (LEGGETT, ROBERT) EG

SUBJECT: REPORT ON CODEL LEGGETT VISIT

REF: CAIRO 16248

1. SUMMARY: CODEL LEGGETT (CONGRESSMAN ROBERT LEGGETT, CONGRESSMAN ROBERT DUNCAN AND CONGRESSIONAL STAFF MEMBERS COVE, BELEW AND MOSES) COMPLETED USEFUL TWO DAY VISIT CAIRO JULY 2. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED JULY 1 MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT SADAT AND GENERAL GAMASY. CODEL MET WITH AMBASSADOR AND HAD AID/EMBASSY BRIEFINGS. END SUMMARY.

2. CODEL SCHEDULE BEGAN WITH INFORMAL DINNER EVENING OF JUNE 30 HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR. ACTING DIRECTOR AND USAID PROGRAM OFFICER WERE ALSO PRESENT. DISCUSSION AT DINNER INCLUDED STATUS OF AID LEGISLATION (WHICH CODEL SAID WAS SUFFERING FROM FALLOUT ON PROPOSITION 13, CONTINUED INFLATION AND GENERAL ATTITUDE OF RETRENCHMENT ON PART
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OF US PUBLIC) AND IMPORTANCE OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO US OBJECTIVES IN EGYPT (LATTER POINT STRESSED BY AMBASSADOR).

3. NEXT DAY BEGAN WITH AID/EMBASSY BRIEFINGS. AMBASSADOR AND ACTING AID DIRECTOR OLESON OUTLINED LONG, MEDIUM AND SHORT-TERM OBJECTIVES OF AID PROGRAM IN EGYPT. DEFENSE ATTACHE ALSO GAVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF FMS PROGRAM AND F-5

JET SALE.

4. FOLLOWING BRIEFING CODEL FLEW TO ALEXANDRIA ON PLANE PROVIDED BY GENERAL GAMASY FOR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT. MEETING WITH SADAT COVERED IN MORE DETAILED REFTEL SUMMARY, HOWEVER, SADAT TOLD CODEL HE REMAINS DETERMINED TO CONTINUE PEACE INITIATIVE BUT ISRAELIS MUST SHOW RECIPROCAL SPIRIT. ONCE ISRAEL AGREES TO RETURN WEST BANK TO JORDAN HE WILL BE WILLING TO OFFER SECURITY BASED ON SIX POINTS. DEFENSE MINISTER WEITZMAN HAD ASKED TO COME TO CAIRO BUT IN THE ABSENCE OF ANYTHING NEW FROM ISRAEL, SADAT WAS NOT PREPARED TO RECEIVE HIM. ON SITUATION IN HORN OF AFRICA, SADAT SAID US SHOULD WATCH SOVIET AND CUBAN MOVES CLOSELY AND REASSESS POLICY REGARDING PROVISION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES THREATENED BY COMMUNISTS.

5. AFTER MEETING WITH SADAT PLANE RETURNED CODEL TO CAIRO. CODEL MET WITH GENERAL GAMASY IN EVENING. DISCUSSION CENTERED ON SITUATION IN HORN OF AFRICA WITH CODEL COVERING ESSENTIALLY SAME POINTS WITH GAMASY AS IN EARLIER MEETING WITH SADAT.

6. CODEL SCHEDULE PRECLUDED CLEARANCE FOR THIS MESSAGE BEFORE DEPARTURE. WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF ANY MODIFICATIONS DESIRED BY CODEL. EILTS

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